

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

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To solve the aforementioned problems, the present invention provides a constant-voltage circuit which includes a constant-current portion, a reference voltage portion, and an output portion. The constant-current portion causes, when a start signal is ~~supplied~~ in an active state, an electric current to start flowing to output a first control signal and a second control signal of predetermined levels and continue outputting the first and second control signals even after the start signal is ~~ceased~~ in an active state. The reference voltage portion outputs a first reference voltage ~~when only the first control signal is supplied~~ in response to said first control signal while the state signal is in said inactive state and outputs a second reference voltage higher than the first reference voltage ~~when the first control signal and the start signal are supplied at the same time~~ in response to said first control signal while said start signal is in said active state. The output portion outputs a constant internal voltage corresponding to the first or second reference voltage which is output from the reference voltage portion when the second control signal is supplied.